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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. (amended) A rotary damper comprising  
a rotation shaft disposed along an axis of a body case,  
a partition wall provided so as to partition a space formed between the  
rotation shaft and the body case,  
a vane member disposed to be rotatable with rotation of the rotation shaft  
in a liquid chamber partitioned by the partition wall in which viscous liquid is charged,  
wherein the vane member can ~~rotate~~rotates while allowing its upper end surface, lower  
end surface and tip end surface to respectively slide on a lower surface of a closing  
member which closes an opening of the body case, an inner surface of a bottom wall of  
the body case and an inner peripheral surface of the body case, the vane member  
partitions the liquid chamber into a pressure chamber and a non-pressure chamber,  
a liquid passage which has a large hole portion and a small hole portion  
smaller than the large hole portion, which penetrates the vane member in a direction  
substantially parallel to an axial direction, the large hole portion being in communication  
with the pressure chamber, and the small hole portion being in communication with the  
non-pressure chamber, and  
a valve body movably disposed in the large hole portion of the liquid  
passage,  
wherein a passage to make the large hole portion communicate with the  
pressure chamber comprises a groove formed in one of the upper end surface or the  
lower end surface of the vane member and a passage to make the small hole portion  
communicate with the non-pressure chamber comprises a groove formed on the other  
of the upper end surface or the lower end surface of the vane member.

2. (original) The rotary damper according to claim 1, wherein the large  
hole portion and small hole portion are substantially circular holes, the valve body is  
formed into a spherical shape having a diameter greater than an inner diameter of the  
small hole portion.

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3. (original) The rotary damper according to claim 1 or 2, further comprising a spring which biases the valve body such that the valve body closes a boundary portion between the large hole portion and the small hole portion of the liquid passage in a normal state.

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